

## Message Text

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R 221711Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1889  
JCS WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
NAMEMBASSY NICOSIA 333  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
AMEMBASSY TUNIS  
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AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMCONSUL ASMARA  
AMCONSUL STUTTGART  
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON  
CINCUSAFFE RAMSTEIN  
SIXTHFLT  
CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 20731

DEPARTMENT FOR AF, NEA, EUR, WLG; JCS FNWHJ-3; USCINCEUR  
FOR J-2, J-3, J-5, J-6; CINCUSAFFE FOR DOX

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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN SIXTHFLT EXERCISES

REF: (A) STUTTGART 1720 (160730Z DEC 76), (B) STUTTGART  
1628 (030959Z DEC 76)

1. AS EUCOM ELG REPS WERE INFORMED DURING NOVEMBER 23

PLANNING SESSION IN ROME, THIS EMBASSY IS WILLING  
AND ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SPACE REQUIRED FOR CPX WHICH  
WILL IMMEDIATELY PROCEDE NEO EXERCISE, PHIBLEX I-77  
IN JANUARY.

2. WE ALSO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EMBASSY HAS  
INSUFFICIENT COMMUNICATIONS ABILITY TO SIMULATE WITH  
MUCH REALISM THE MESSAGE EXCHANGES AND INTERPLAY WHICH  
WE UNDERSTAND CONSTITUTE THE CORE OF THE CPX.

3. WE THEREFORE REITERATE OUR SUGGESTION THAT, IF THE  
SIXTH FLEET UNITS TO BE INVOLVED IN PHIBLEX I-77 HAVE  
SUFFICIENT CAPABILITIES, THE CPX SHOULD BE HELD ABOARD  
SHIP. THIS SHOULD PROVIDE THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO  
LEND AN AIR OF VERSIMILITUDE TO THE CPX. JUST AS  
IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IS PROVIDING  
MAXIMUM TIME FOR EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS TO MEET WITH SIXTH  
FLEET OFFICERS MOST DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH PLANNING AND  
EXECUTION OF EVACUATION OPERATIONS, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON  
PROBLEMS, AND TO PROVIDE FULL, FIRST-HAND EXPOSURE TO  
FLEET CAPABILITIES. THIS WAS A POINT MADE IN ROME'S 4346  
(170916Z MAR 76)(NOTAL), PARTICULARLY PARA. 3 THEREOF.

4. FOREGOING SUGGESTION, IF IT PROVES FEASIBLE, WOULD OF COURSE REQUIRE SOME ADJUSTMENT TO PRESENT PLANNING FOR TRAVEL TO ROME AND MOVE TO THE SHIPS. PRESUMABLY ARRIVAL IN ROME WOULD BE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 9 AND A FLIGHT TO THE SHIPS CONCERNED EITHER THAT DAY OR EARLY JANUARY 10.

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5. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT IT BE INFORMED PROMPTLY WHETHER SHIPBOARD CPX IS FEASIBLE AND WHETHER PLANNING WILL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

6. TELEGRAMS REQUESTING LODGING IN ROME ARE BEING RECEIVED, NECESSARY RESERVATIONS ARE BEING MADE, AND ADDRESSEES WILL BE INFORMED BY THE EMBASSY WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 27, IN LIGHT OF STATE OF PLAY CONCERNING FOREGOING SUGGESTIONS.

7. WE REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS THAT FUTURE TELEGRAMS TO EMBASSY ROME REQUESTING RESERVATIONS BE UNCLASSIFIED, PROVIDING TITLE AND TEXT OF SUCH MESSAGES DO NOT REVEAL NATURE AND PURPOSE OF TRAVEL.

8. IF CPX IS TO BE HELD IN ROME, TRAVELLERS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE MET AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL IN ROME, AND WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO HOTELS. RECOMMEND BUS

SERVICE FROM FIUMICINO AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN AIR TERMINAL  
AND TAXI TO HOTEL.BEAUDRY

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